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U.S. Department of Transportation  
Docket Management Facility  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Exemption No. 8238, Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2003-16038

Ladies/Gentlemen:

In accordance with 14 CFR Part 11, Southwest Airlines hereby petitions the Federal Aviation Administration to grant an extension of Exemption No. 8238 (FAA Docket No. FAA- 2003-16038), currently scheduled to expire on January 31, 2022. Exemption No. 8238 provides relief from Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §121.623(a) and (d), §121.643, and §121.645 (e) to permit Southwest Airlines to conduct supplemental operations within the 48 contiguous United States and the District of Columbia using the flight regulations for alternate airports as required by §121.619 and the fuel reserve regulations as required by §121.639 that are applicable to domestic operations.

This petition does not seek to change the conditions and limitations of the current exemption. The conditions and reasons regarding public interest as described in our June 7, 2019 petition and acknowledged in Exemption No. 8238 regarding public interest and safety remain unchanged. The renewal of this exemption is not a controversial issue, and granting the requested extension will set no precedents. Accordingly, Southwest Airlines requests that a finding of good cause be made for waiving publication in the *Federal Register* (14 CFR §11.87). We appreciate the agency's prompt consideration and grant of the extension requested. To minimize the administrative burden on all parties, Southwest seeks a renewal of three (3) years.

Please contact the undersigned or Jim Stieve at 469-603-4259 or [jim.stieve@wnco.com](mailto:jim.stieve@wnco.com), if you have any questions or need additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Hamlett", written over a horizontal line.

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